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List of questions drawn up for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford I. M. S.

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List of questions drawn up for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford, I. M. S.

11 From the First Assistant Resident, No. 7575, dated the 19th December 1905.
Forwards the above list and requests that copies thereof may be sent to selected Durbar officers in Bangalore and their replies furnished to the Residency as early as possible for transmission to the Excise Committee.

13 To the Excise Commissioner, No. Fl. 4026, dated the 23rd December 1905.
Forwards copy of the above and requests to be furnished with replies, in duplicate copies, of the officers he selects for the purpose, together with that of the Excise Commissioner himself to the several questions contained in the list

14 From the Excise Commissioner, No. 394, dated the 13th February 1906.
Forwards the replies of Messrs. Davy and Rozario, with those of himself.

15 To the First Assistant Resident in Mysore, No. Pol. 712, dated the 7th March 1906.
Forwards the above replies.

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From

The A.G. Presidency

No. 7575 Dated 17/12/05 Received 20/12/05

Diary No. 2659 Enclos. 1 Spare Copies. Serial No. 11

Brief Abstract of Letter.

Forwards a list of specimen drawings for the Excise Committee by Major Redfern I.M.S and requests that Collectors may be forwarded, to select draftsmen in Mangalore and Karwar who will be furnished to the Presidency as early as possible for transmission to the Excise Committee

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FROM

R. C. H. MOSS KING, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

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Pol no 1011

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 19th December 1905.

SIR,

11 mail D-12-05

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I am directed to forward herewith a list of questions drawn up for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford I.M.S. and designed to elicit information of a more or less general nature as to the physiological effects of the various classes of liquor drunk in India and to request that copies may be forwarded to selected Durbar officers in Bangalore and their replies furnished to this Residency, as early as possible, for transmission to the Excise Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

First Assistant Resident.

List of Questions.

1. What kind of spirits or other forms of alcoholic beverage are chiefly consumed in your district(i.e.,spirits or fermented liquors made from rice.mhowa.millet.gur.toddy.molasses &c)

2. Are the spirits obtained from out-stills or from distilleries ?

3. Can you give any information as to the practices obtaining with regard to alcoholic consumption as regards the following points:-

(a)Can you ascertain and state how much is consumed daily on average by a moderate drinker of spirits or other fermented liquor (pachwai,tari &c) ?

(b)Is the amount consumed in the evening usually.or at any other particular time;or is it taken throughout the course of the day?

(c)On the occasion of fairs or other festivals,is drunkenness specially prevalent in your district ?

(d)Can you give any idea what would be the average amount of liquor consumed per head at such private or public festival ?

(e)Is it usual to dilute to any extent the liquor consumed ?

4. Does the consumption of any particular kind of alcoholic drink interfere seriously with the consumer's power to resume work next day?

6. As the quality of a liquor is believed to be shown more by the character of the onset of the symptoms as also by the after-effects can you give any information on the following points? Thus :

(a)Does any particular liquor in your district speedily produce helpless intoxication even when consumed in relatively small amounts ?

(b)Is recovery from such intoxication particularly slow ?

(c)Are there any particularly noticeable after-effects such as loss of appetite.altered temper.long continued drowsiness or trembling ?

(d)Have you any experience in your district or elsewhere with reference to any connection between apparently purposeless crimes of violence and the character of the liquor consumed ?

(e)Any maniacal or other exceptional mental states following the use of a particular alcoholic drink?

7 Can you state any unusual conditions referable to the use of any particular alcoholic liquor in your district or elsewhere ?

8. Have you any knowledge of cases of alcoholic neuritis among natives ? If so,would you kindly briefly state your experience in this connection ?

9. Have you observed any symptoms specially referable to the actio of any particular liquor on any special system e.g., digestive,renal nervous(including changes in mental and moral states),generative &c

10. Do you know of any definite diseases referable to the consumption of Indian manufactured liquors differing from those produced by European spirits

11. Is there any variety of country spirit with which you could connect these specially?

12. Is"doctoring"of spirits with nux-vomica, datura,tobacco,aconite or other drugs known to be employed in your district ?

13. Have you any knowledge of confirmation of such adulteration by analysis of the liquors by a Chemical Examiner to Government or othe analyst ?

14. Can you give any information as to natives' ideas of the relative harmfulness or harmlessness of any particular variety of alcoholic drink ?

15. Is there any marked preference-apart from cost-in your district for country-spirits over imported spirits or those made in India by European methods of manufacture ?

16. Is drunkenness commoner during any particular season(e.g.tari season) ?

17. Have you from personal observation or hearsay.formed any opinio as to whether "pachwai" "tari" or other fermented liquor produce worse effects in general than spirits or vice versa ?

18. Have you any other observations to make not included in the foregoing list of questions ?

Sd/- C.H.Bedford.

Country Liquors Investigation Laboratory,
Kasauli,Panjab.24th November 1905.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 2659

No. H 4026

General and Rev. Secretariat
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To

The Excise Comr

Date of issue

Signed by W Satyaraj (Asstt

Sir

I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter No. 1010 of the 19th December 05 from the J-A Resident enclosing a list of questions prepared for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford I.M.S., I am directed to request you to be good as to favor (in duplicate) this Govt at an early date with the replies of the officer you select for the purpose together with that of yourself for the several questions contained therein in the list.

I have &c.

23-12-05

Secretary

over.

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No. 391-8 OFFICE OF THE EXCISE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE.

DATED BANGALORE 12th February 1906.

From

P. N. Purnaya Esquire B.A.

Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

B. K. Narasimhachariar Esquire

Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

As requested vide your No sl 4026 S.R 64-05-13 dated 23 December 1905 I have the honor to submit in duplicate copies the replies of Messrs Davis and Rozario with those of mine to the questions prepared for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford I.M.S.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

P. N. Purnaya

Excise Commissioner

List of Questions drawn up for the Excise Committee by Major Bedford I. M. S.	Answers by the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.
1. What kind of Spirits or other forms of Alcoholic beverage are chiefly consumed in your District? (i.e., Spirits or fermented liquors made from rice. mhowa. millet. gur. toddy. nolasses etc.)	Besides Foreign liquors imported into India, Arrack (Indian Rum made from Gur and olasses) Beer Toddy from Date Bagani, Palmyra and Cocoanut and AkkiBhoja or liquor brewed from rice are consumed in Mysore--(The answers below relate to Country Spirits and liquors)
2. Are the Spirits obtained from outstills or from Distilleries?	From Distillery- as there is only one in the Province.
3. Can you give any information as to the practice obtaining with regard to alcoholic consumption as regards the following points?	
(a) Can you ascertain and state how much is consumed daily on average by a moderate drinker of spirits or other fermented liquor (Pachwai, Tari &c)?	2 drams of Arrack 2 seers or imperial quarts of Toddy, and one quart bottle of country beer, and between one to two seers of akkiboja.
(b) Is the amount consumed in the evening usually or at any other particular time; or is it taken throughout the course of the day?	is consumed in the evening that is after the close of the days work Toddy and Beer in the afternoon after four P.M.
(c) On the occasion of fairs or other festivals is drunkness specially prevalent in your District?	No.

(d) Can you give any idea what would be the average amount of liquor consumed per head at such private or public festival?

About a dram of Arrack and an imperial quart bottle of Toddy.

(e) Is it usual to dilute to any extent the liquor consumed?

The majority drink it undilu-ted but in Bangalore and other important places where Sodawater is made Arrack is taken by some with Sodawater not in the morning but when is is diluted by water upon taking it.

4. Does the consumption of any particular kind of alcoholic drink interfere seriously with the consumers power to resume work next day?

No

6. As the quality of the liquor is believed to be shown more by the character or the onset or th symptoms as also by the after-effects can you give any infor-on the following points?

Thus

(a) Does any particular liquor in your District speedily produce helpless intoxication even when consumed in ~~xxxxxxx~~ relatively small amounts?

No

(b) Is recovery from such intoxication particularly slow?

No experience of such kind of liquor in this Province.

(c) Are there any particular noticeable after-effects such as loss of appetite.altered te long-continued drowsiness or trembling?

Nothing absolutely consequen-tial like this has been ob-served after a drink of Arrak or Toddy such as is used in this Province.

(d) Have you any experience in your District or elsewhere with reference to any connection between apparently purposeless crimes of violence and the character of the liquor consumed?

(e) Any maniacal or other exceptional mental states following the use of a particular alcoholic drink

7. Can you state any usual conditions referable to the use of any particular alcoholic liquor in your District or elsewhere?

A man taking Arrack or Toddy at times will be noisy. staggering and at times abusive or singing.

8. Have you any knowledge of cases of alcoholic neurosis among natives? If so, would you kindly briefly state your experience in this connection?

No

9. Have you observed any symptoms specially referable to the action of any particular liquor or any special system e.g. digestive, renal, nervous (including changes in mental and moral states), generative, &?

Not within my experience.

10. Do you know of any definite diseases referable to the consumption of Indian manufactured liquors as distinct from those produced by European spirits?

No

11. Is there any variety of Country Spirit with which you could connect these specially

Cant say

12. Is doctring of Spirits with nux vomica, datura, tobacco, aconite, or other drugs, known to be employed in your District?

No case has come to notice.

13. Have you any knowledge or confirmation of such adulteration by analysis of the liquors by a chemical examiner to Government or other analyst?

No cases.

14. Can you give any information as to natives' ideas of the relative harmfulness or harmlessness of any particular variety of alcoholic drink

The natives think that Toddy and Akkidhola are harmless when compared with Arrack.

15. Is there any marked preference apart from cost in your District for Country spirits over imported spirits or those made in India by European methods of manufacture?

Some prefer potstill arrack to imported liquor or to arrack distilled after European method.

16. Is drunkenness commoner during any particular season (e.g. tari season)

No

17. Have you from personal observation or hearsay, formed any opinion as to whether "rachwal" tari or other fermented liquor drinks worse effects in general than spirits or Vice Versa

From personal observation and from what is stated by the public toady is more conducive to health than Arrack.

18. Have you any other observations to make not included in the foregoing list of questions ?

None.

14th February 1906.

Excise Commissioner
in Mysore.

Answers to questions prepared by Major Bedford I.M.S., for the Excise Committee.

1. Arack i.e. Spirit distilled from Jaggery from Cane and palmyra molasses

2. Beer.

3 Toddy

4 Kki Bhoja or Rice beer

2 From the Government Central Distillery Bangalore.

3. (a) From a dram to a dram and a half of arrack one and a half to two seers of toddy and one reputed pint to a quart of beer.

(b) Arrack in the evening toddy or beer in the afternoon

(c) No but being provided with more

many on such occasions, consumers naturally indulge in a little more drink than usual. The extra sales at such times are not necessarily due to drunkenness, but to the large concourse of people from different places.

(d) Two to three drams of arack and two to three seers of toddy.

(e) arack is usually drunk "neat."

4 Not, unless the consumer has gone beyond limits.

6 (a) No.

(b) No. On the contrary as regards arack, habitual consumers say, the effects do not last long enough.

(c) No, except as to temper. Some

start Sinamin a some become talkative

while others are seemed to wrangle

No I have not met with any such cases.

7. Vide answer to 6(c) Supra.

8. No. I have not come across a

single case

9 No

10. No. I do not think any different

effects are produced.

11 No

12. I have heard that Cainthoi is

used by some retail dealers to give

customers the impression that the opium

sold by such dealers is stronger than that

sold by others

13. No

14. Meri Sara that date toddy is harm-

less

harmless, that cocoanut toddy causes bilious-
-ness and that Palmyra toddy is not only
wholesome, but that its use daily for
forty days will improve the blood and cure
venereal diseases. They also say that
arrack made with a large proportion
of white Babool bark used for fermentation
has medicinal properties and that the
intoxicating effects of arrack distilled
from Jaggory last longer than distilled
from Molasses

15. Consumers have professed to show
a preferance for spirit distilled in Country
or "pot stills". They say the arrack was
better when ordinary country stills were
worked and the material used was only
jaggory with white babool bark and Dunder

as ferments

16. Arrack is generally resorted to in the cold and rainy seasons and toddy and beer in the hot weather.

17. Yes. I believe the effects of toddy are less harmful than spirits.

18. -vo.

(Sd) J. E. Rozario
3.1.06
Excise Inspector
Government Central Distillery.

"Copy"

K. Gopalasingam
for Excise Commissioner
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M. Mydeen

13.2.06.

Replies to Major Bedford's I.M.S queries.

Arrack" which is manufactured from Jaggory (coarse sugar) and molasses.

Toddy the juice of the palm tree, date palm sago-palm and cocoanut.

"Akki Bhoja" which is usually made from rice fermented and possible in some cases surreptitiously from ragi (millet)

2. There are no outstills in the Mysore Province. There is one central Distillery.

3. (a) I think the habitual drinker rarely drinks more than half a bottle of spirit (arrack which is always issued) a day. As regards toddy (Palm juice) which is practically the beer of this Province a man if accustomed to it, will probably consume 2 quarts a day.

(b) Usually in the evening. Some arack-drinkers may take a dram in the early morning, but toddy-drinkers rarely.

(c) No

(d) No, but it would usually be if these liquors are only consumed by certain classes of people.

(e) No

4 Usually it does not interfere with his work. In cases of a great excess, of course it does.

6. (a) No

(b) The recovery is much the same as from brandy, whisky, gin, or beer.

(c) No

(d) No

(e) No

7. The conditions are just the same

as would be found in consumers of Europe

liquors and beer

8. No.

9 No.

10 No

11 No.

12. I have heard of such practices but in the whole of my experience I have never heard of any such case being detected.

13. No.

14. I think this is a matter of choice and power of purchasing. I should say Todi (Palm juice) is the least harmful

15. All the spirit consumed in the Mysore Province i.e. manufactured in it is carried out on European methods.

16. No. I have never noticed drunkenness

being more prevalent at any particular season More toddy is consumed in the hot months and slightly more arrack in the cold season.

17. By Pachwai and Tari is meant "Palm juice" I should think it perhaps less harmful than distilled spirit

18. No.

(Sd) W. Vincombe Davy
Deputy Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

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R. Gopalacharlu
for Excise Commissioner
13.2.06. in Mysore.

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To The first Asstt Colr
Honble the Resident
in Mysore

Date of issue 7.3.06

Signed by HR Venkatarangaiya

Sir,

With reference
to your letter No. 7575
of the 9th December 05
forwarding a list of
questions drawn up
for the Revenue Committee
by Major Bedford and
requesting that the
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of the Division may
be furnished, I am
directed to forward
herewith the replies
of the Officers noted in

over.

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Received

23.2.1906

Secretary

1. Mr P. N. Pannaya, Excise Comm.

2. Mr W. V. Davy, Dy Excise Comm.

3 Mr Rozario, Excise Inspector

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List of enclosures,

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